

REMARKS

Claims 1-64 are pending in the application. In the final Office Action of January 9, 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 1-64 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over *Bowman-Amuah* (U.S. Patent No. 6,842,906) in view of *Baker, et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,611,498). Applicant addresses the Examiner's disposition below.

Independent claims 1, 10, 11, 20, 21, 31, 33, 42, 43, 52, 53, 63, and 64 each have been amended to clarify that the session object or application object includes a plurality of resource data. Each resource data is associated with one or more user environments and with a resource identifier. The resource identifier identifies that a resource data is required in the program. While the program is executing, it is determined from the session object or application object which of a plurality of user environments the program is executing in. Which of the resource data is suitable for the determined user environment is identified by using both the resource identifier and the determined user environment.

Thus, the program does not have to be fixed for a particular user environment. Instead, the program includes a resource identifier, which may be, for example, a place holder that indicates that a resource data is required at a particular location (e.g., text is required on a web page). There is a plurality of resource data (e.g., text strings in particular languages) each of which is associates with a user environment (e.g., a language or country). A particular resource data (e.g., a text string in the English language) is identified that is suitable for the user environment that the program is executing in (e.g., in the U.S.A).

This is clearly unlike *Bowman-Amuah* in view of *Baker*. The Examiner argues that *Bowman-Amuah* teaches certain elements of the claimed invention, however, Applicant respectfully disagrees. To begin with, nowhere does *Bowman-Amuah* disclose or suggest a session object or application object that includes the claimed plurality of resource data, which are associated with user environments. Instead, *Bowman-Amuah* merely teaches a method for associating business objects without retrieving the business objects from a database in which the business objects are stored. *Bowman-Amuah* 283:48-51. As described in *Bowman-Amuah*, an association between a first business object and an associated business object, which is stored in a database, is determined. *Id.* at 283:52-55. The association of business objects has nothing to do with user environment and the business objects are stored in a database, not a session object or application object.

In *Bowman-Amuah*, an object identifier contains information, including the determined association between the first business object and the associated business object. *Id.* at 283:55-59.

Thus, unlike Applicant's claimed resource identifier, *Bowman-Amuah*'s object identifier does not indicate that a resource data is required in a program. Instead, *Bowman-Amuah*'s object identifier merely shows an association between two objects. The Examiner argues that *Bowman-Amuah*'s object identifier identifies which resource data is suitable for a determined user environment, however, Applicant respectfully disagrees. As described above, *Bowman-Amuah*'s object identifier merely contains information about an association between a first business object and an associated business object. *Bowman-Amuah* at 283:55-59. That information fails to relate to information about a determined user environment, let alone which resource data is suitable for the environment -- *Bowman-Amuah*'s information merely identifies an association between two business objects.

Therefore, for at least the reasons discussed above, *Bowman-Amuah* fails to disclose or suggest claims 1, 10, 11, 20, 21, 31-33, 42, 43, 52, 53, 63, and 64. *Baker* also fails to disclose or suggest Applicant's claimed session object or application object including resource data and Applicant's claimed resource identifier. Thus, *Bowman-Amuah* in view of *Baker* still fails to disclose or suggest claims 1, 10, 11, 20, 21, 31-33, 42, 43, 52, 53, 63, and 64.

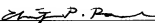
Claims 2-9, 12-19, 22-30, 34-41, 44-51, and 54-62 depend directly or indirectly from claims 1, 11, 21, 33, 43, or 53 and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons that claims 1, 11, 21, 33, 43, or 53 are allowable.

Applicant respectfully submits the rejection has been overcome and requests that it be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that claims 1-64 are patentable. It is therefore submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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